

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING.

Torrance, California,
November 8th, 1921.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation at 8:00 o'clock, P. M. The meeting was called to order by President Geo. A. Proctor, the following members of the Board being present: Trustees J. M. Fitzhugh, W. H. Gilbert, R. R. Smith, J. Stone and George A. Proctor. Absent, None.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and same were approved as read.

President Proctor read a communication from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles, California, addressed to himself, concerning the regional planning organization. The President informed the Board that he could not attend that meeting and requested Mr. Postle, in the event he should be placed on the permanent committee, to endeavor to have the meetings held in the evenings so that the attendance might be greater. Mr. Postle stated that he would do the best he could in this matter. President Proctor said that Torrance should try to be a power in the regional planning organization.

The City Marshal made a report of the places he had marked out for parking automobiles and stated that he had marked out a non-parking place in front of the Auditorium Theater.

Mr. Huntington of Wilite spoke to the Board on the subject of street improvement work, stating that the present was an advantageous time to do such work; that his company had just last night secured a contract for work at Redondo, and a set of improvements were coming up at Hermosa in the next two or three weeks and he would like to have Torrance lined up at the same time. He spoke at length regarding the paving on Negro Slough, also regarding specifications and material for use in Torrance. The type of pavement that his company would give Torrance would be a pavement with a coarse aggregate with fine material enough to fill the voids, at the same time giving a rough non-skid surface.

Trustee Fitzhugh inquired as to what would be done with the Negro Slough piece of slick pavement, and Mr. Huntington stated that it was out of the jurisdiction of his company, that the County had entire jurisdiction of it. Trustee Fitzhugh stated that he would be very reluctant to recommend Wilite until something was done about the Negro Slough work. Mr. Huntington promised to do what he could to have the County Supervisors remedy the road complained of.

Mr. Huntington estimated that the cost of the proposed improvement, using Wilite, including the cost of the cut, to be 26 cents a foot, plus the cost of the proceedings and engineering.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated the Board would be glad to avail itself of Mr. Huntington's efforts when the time came to initiate the work. This matter was left open until the Board should take up its road improvement program.

Trustee Stone reported the purchase for the Police Department of a motorcycle from Mr. Peterson of Redondo, for the sum of \$225.00. Motion of Trustee Gilbert that the Board purchase the motorcycle from Mr. Peterson for \$225.00, seconded by Mr. Fitzhugh, was carried unanimously.

Trustee Smith called attention of the members of the Board to the present financial status of the City. At the first of the month the City had about \$3883.00 and there is about \$3,000.00 due the City, which gives a total of \$6883.00, and as far as Trustee Smith could see at this time the City would not receive anymore money until about December, 1922, or possibly January, 1923, about thirteen months, which means that the City would have to run on about \$529.48 a month. The salaries of the various officials and some of the expenses, such as light, water, etc. that are necessary, not including the expense of the Clerk and police department, run about \$1557.00 a month.

Trustee Smith moved that the Finance Committee and the City Attorney be instructed to look into the matter of the City's financial condition and to make arrangements to secure legal advice or the advice of some specialist on municipalities, the object being to solve the present financial problem of the City of Torrance. The motion, being duly seconded, was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Geo. A. Proctor.

Noes: None.

Engineer Postle reported that he had investigated the bid of J. G. Beckjord for doing certain street work, and stated that from his investigation he was convinced that Mr. Beckjord was absolutely reliable, and through his association with Mr. Fred Hoffman of Long Beach was able to hand the City's bonds himself without having to peddle them in the market. That Mr. Beckjord's prices for the work were, on the whole, very fair prices, with the exception that the cement prices were somewhat higher than expected. The amount of the bid was \$54,413.31, and a discount of 15 per cent., which is about what the bonds might be expected to be discounted for, amounts to about \$8,000.00.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the matter of the improvements covered by the Beckjord bid, into which entered the cost to the property owners of the proposed work and there having been but the one bid received for doing the improvement, it was decided to defer taking action on said bid until the next regular meeting of the Board, and in the meantime to ascertain from the property owners their desires in the matters. To this end Trustee Fitzhugh moved that a meeting be called by publication of notice in the newspaper for Monday, November 14, 1921, at 7:30 p. m., at the sales room of the Dominguez Land Corporation, El Prado, Torrance, California, in order to acquaint the property owners in Tract 4070 with the figures of the one bid that had been received and to enable the Board of Trustees to get their authority to accept that one bid. Said motion was duly seconded by Trustee Stone, and was carried by acclamation. The City Clerk was instructed to prepare and have published notice accordingly.

Trustee Stone moved that the Board turn back to the Dominguez Land Corporation the building now being used by the City for jail purposes, at a rental of \$2.50 per month, which motion was duly seconded by Trustee Smith and was carried by acclamation.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the matter of taking action on the bid for street improvement made by J. G. Beckjord be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board, which motion was duly seconded by Mr. Stone, and was carried by acclamation, and it was so ordered.

Resolution No. 10 was presented to the Board, as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 10.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE CITY ATTORNEY OF SAID CITY, TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION IN THE CAUSE NOW PENDING BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ENTITLED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PLAINTIFF, Vs. THE CITIES OF ALHAMBRA, ET AL., DEFENDANTS, No. B-97828.

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance is named as a defendant in the action entitled County of Los Angeles, Plaintiff, vs. The Cities of Alhambra, et al., Defendants, No. B-97828; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that the said city join the stipulation hereinafter referred to:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Attorney of the City of Torrance be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of said city to sign and enter into the stipulation hereto attached and file the same in the above entitled action in the said Superior Court.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of November 1921.

On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded, Resolution No. 10, was adopted as read.

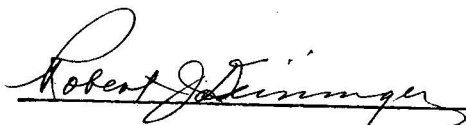
Demand No. 250, having been duly audited, was allowed and ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes: Fitzhugh; Gilbert; Stone, Smith and Proctor.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

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